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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to development of a plan for a home and
2 community-based services autism waiver under the medical
3 assistance program.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 2486YH 83
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1 1 Section 1. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE HOME AND COMMUNITY=BASED
1 2 SERVICES WAIVER FOR AUTISM.
1 3 1. The department of human services shall develop a plan
1 4 to implement a home and community-based services waiver for
1 5 individuals up to twenty-one years of age with autism under
1 6 the medical assistance program. The department shall work
1 7 with the Iowa autism council established in section 256.35A
1 8 and other interested parties in developing the plan.
1 9 2. The department shall provide progress reports to the
1 10 legislative services agency until such time as the final plan
1 11 is completed.
1 12 3. The department shall present the final plan to the
1 13 general assembly by January 15, 2010.
1 14 4. For the purposes of this section, "autism" means autism
1 15 as defined in section 256.35A.
1 16 EXPLANATION
1 17 This bill directs the department of human services to
1 18 develop a plan to implement a home and community-based
1 19 services waiver for individuals up to 21 years of age with
1 20 autism under the medical assistance program. The bill also
1 21 directs the department to work with the Iowa autism council
1 22 and other interested parties in developing the plan.
1 23 The department is to provide progress reports to the
1 24 legislative services agency until the final plan is completed.
1 25 The final plan is to be presented to the general assembly
1 26 by January 15, 2010. For the purposes of the bill, "autism"
1 27 means a spectrum disorder that includes, at various levels of
1 28 severity, autism, Asperger's disorder, pervasive developmental
1 29 disorder not otherwise specified, Rett's syndrome, and
1 30 childhood disintegrative disorder.
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